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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-18 and 20-32 were pending prior to the Office Action. In this Amendment, claims 22 and 29 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, claims 1-18, 20-21, 23-28 and 30-32 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 12, 20 and 27 are independent.

A. DOUBLE PATENTING

Examiner provisionally rejects claims 1, 4 and 6 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1, 2 and 6 of co-pending Application No. 10/584,136 in view of Jain (U.S. Patent No. 7,373,543). *Office Action, pp.3-6*.

Applicants respectfully request that the provisional rejection be held in abeyance until at such a time the claims of the co-pending applications are in fact allowed.

B. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants appreciate that claims 22, 23, 29 and 30 are indicated to define allowable subject matter. *Office Action*, p.26.

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C. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-18, 20-21, 24-28 and 31-32 under various combinations of the following references: Billhartz (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0204587), Baines (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0027994), Jain (U.S. Patent No. 7,373,543), Kuszmaul (U.S. Patent No. 5,111,198), Boaz (U.S. Publication No. 2008/0048883), Billhartz et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0202476). Office action, pp.7-24.

In this Amendment, claims 22 and 29 (indicated as including allowable subject matter) are canceled and the features therein are incorporated into independent claims 20 and 27, respectively. Therefore, claims 20 and 27 are allowable. Independent claims 1, 6 and 12 are similarly amended. Therefore, these independent claims are also allowable. Claims 2–5, 7–11, 13–18, 21, 23-26, 28 and 30-32 are allowable by virtue of their dependencies from independent claims as well as on their own merits. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims based on cited references be withdrawn.

D. CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Hyung Sohn

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(Reg. No. 44,346), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

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